

indigent young women who otherwise, as we know from the experience in Minnesota, will not use that method and basically will be discriminated against on the basis of cost and sophistication in the usage of judicial bypass. There's a fifth problem with the measure as well. I know that the claimants for LB 769 say that the procedure is confidential. It says so on the face of the bill. On the other hand, there's not a single provision guaranteeing that confidentiality. Is this an open public record? No one knows. It is not declared so on the face of the bill. What happens with the petitions that are filed with the court? Are they accumulated, turned into a book that's available for perusal? A divorce petition is, an adoption petition is. The petition in a contract or a tort case, all of them are open records. What about this situation? There is nothing in the bill to identify whether or not...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the papers of the court are confidential. Even so, as we know from Minnesota, as many as 23 strangers are brought into the process of hearing and deciding this kind of a case, whether it's a bailiff, a court reporter, a court assistant, the people who are there in the courthouse. Confidentiality is in no way guaranteed in the bill in any meaningful way. I know that the proponents say that there are no costs and no fees in the measure. That would indicate that there should be appropriate counsel provided but of course they are silent on that point. However, they've not waived the \$75 cost bond that is supposed to be used for any normal appeal to the Supreme Court. Fees? Yes, they still exist, no attempt in the case of this bill to live up to the stated purpose, goals and provisions of the measure. Will there be assistance...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...for a minor to complete their petition. Right now...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...court staff can't help. If you go to a small claims court and want to ask how to do it, they will give you a form, they will give you a pamphlet, but they won't stand and read over your shoulders and say you need to write this down, you need to put this down, now say this, now say that,